

**Latimer, Becky**

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 2020-229-E Merrill

Dear Ben Merrill:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2020-229-E - Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Establishment of a Solar Choice Metering Tariff Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-182-E)

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
 Becky Latimer

**From:** Ben Merrill  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** PSC\_  
**Subject:** [External] Dominant Solar Hearing

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the upcoming Dominion hearing with the PSC regarding increasing fees and rates for solar panel users. I ask that you will not support these requests from Dominion which will kill any progress made in South Carolina for renewable energy over the past few years. South Carolina has languished behind the rest of nation in taking the necessary steps to pave the way for solar installations and other clean energy initiatives. Add to this the debacle surrounding the failed nuclear projects in South Carolina and it's well time we do the right thing and provide

the necessary governance to support and incentivize all clean energy options for South Carolina. The requests by Dominion will return us to the bottom of the barrel and make South Carolina a laughingstock on these matters.

Further to that, it is patently unfair to change the rules on South Carolina residents that have already taken the initiative to install solar panels under one set of assumptions only to have these changed after the fact and be put in an unfair situation. We installed solar panels on our home last year. It wasn't a simple decision, it's a commitment to a long term path towards both cleaner energy that ultimately will eventually pay off in net savings. But even with the federal and state tax rebates for installation, our break even point will not be or 7-10 years. If the Dominion proposal is allowed to proceed, we will never break even and ultimately end up paying more for our electricity and be punished for trying to do the right thing. I'm sure this will generate class action lawsuits and become a nightmare for South Carolina. While I strongly oppose and changes approved for Dominion, if they must make changes these should grandfather in all existing customers forever, not for only a few years as is in the current request.

Please support the existing PSC definitions for residential solar panels (which already include an increased monthly fee to support grid maintenance and a fair net meeting policy) and oppose any of the new requests from Dominion for increased connection fees, additional subscription fees or changes to the current net meeting policies.

Thank you,

Ben Merrill

District 1 Resident

Dominion Customer

Solar Panel Owner